GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF NSLRS
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether even after a decade of implementation of the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their Dependents (NSLRS), more than 40% of the estimated beneficiaries remain unrehabilitated;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a large number of loan applications under this scheme were rejected by banks for the reasons of non-viability;

(d) if so, the facts in this regard and corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) the funds allocated for liberation and rehabilitation of conservancy workers under the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers during the current financial year, State-wise;

(f) whether the Government is considering to enhance the amount paid as stipend to rehabilitated scavengers; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a): As per the information provided by the States/UTs, upto 2002-03, out of 6.76 lakhs estimated scavengers, 4.28 lakhs of them or 63.3% have been rehabilitated.

(b): The liberation and rehabilitation of scavengers is a continuing process, the Government has prepared a National Action Plan for Total Eradication of Manual Scavenging by 2007.

(c): No such instances have been brought to the notice of the Ministry.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): There is a provision of Rs.20.00 crore during the current financial year under the NSLRS. There is no State-wise allocation of funds made under the scheme.

(f): There is no proposal at present.

(g): Does not arise.